

16 KAR 2:190. Probationary certificate for information technology teachers.

RELATES TO: KRS 156.095, 161.020, 161.028, 161.030

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 161.020, 161.028, 161.030

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 161.020 and 161.030 require that a teacher and other professional school personnel hold a certificate of legal qualifications for the respective position to be issued upon completion of a program of preparation prescribed by the Education Professional Standards Board. KRS 161.028 requires the Education Professional Standards Board to establish the standards for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certificate. This administrative regulation establishes the probationary certificate for information technology teachers and the requirements for issuance and renewal of this certificate.

Section 1. Definition. "Qualified teacher" means a teacher who holds the appropriate certification as an information technology teacher unless the superintendent of the employing school district or the Commissioner of the Department for Technical Education has documented evidence that the teacher is unsuitable for appointment.

Section 2. Requirements for Issuance of the Probationary Certificate for Information Technology Teachers, Grades Five (5) Through Twelve (12). (1) If a qualified teacher is not available for the position of information technology teacher at the grade level and content area necessary as attested by the local superintendent or the Commissioner of the Department for Technical Education, the superintendent or commissioner may request a one (1) year probationary certificate for a teacher who:

(a) Holds at least a valid Kentucky teaching statement of eligibility or Kentucky teaching certificate issued by the Education Professional Standards Board;

(b)1. Has a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; or

2. Has a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the last sixty (60) hours of credit completed, including undergraduate and graduate coursework;

(c) Has an offer of employment from a local school district, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Department for Technical Education, or the Kentucky Community and Technical College System in grades five (5) through twelve (12) in information technology;

(d) Has enrolled in an approved information technology preparation program; and

(e) Has successfully completed at least six (6) semester credit hours of content coursework in information technology.

(2) Application shall be made on Form TC-1.

(3) Compliance with the requirements established in subsection (1)(d) and (e) of this section shall be verified by submission of a curriculum contract completed by the teacher education institution with an approved information technology preparation program.

(4)(a) Upon completion of all requirements established in this section, the applicant shall be issued a probationary certificate for information technology teachers valid for one (1) year.

(b) The probationary certificate shall be valid for teaching grades five (5) through twelve (12) in the content area or areas indicated on the face of the certificate.

Section 3. Requirements for Renewal of a Probationary Certificate for Information Technology Teachers, Grades Five (5) Through Twelve (12). (1) The first renewal of the probationary certificate for information technology teachers shall be for one (1) year based upon successful completion of the following requirements:

(a) Evidence of employment in a local school district, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Department for Technical Education, or the Kentucky Community and Technical Col-

lege System in grades five (5) through twelve (12) in information technology;

(b) Completion of at least six (6) semester hours or its equivalent from the approved information technology preparation program as indicated on the teacher's curriculum contract; and

(c) Successful completion of the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program established in 16 KAR 7:010. Teachers who have successfully completed the Kentucky Teacher Internship Program prior to issuance of the initial probationary certificate or who are not required to complete the internship program under the requirements for out-of-state teachers established in KRS 161.030(5) shall not be required to complete the internship program again while serving on the probationary certificate.

(2)(a) Subsequent one (1) year renewals of the probationary certificate for information technology teachers shall require at least six (6) semester hours or its equivalent of additional credit from the approved information technology preparation program as indicated on the teacher's curriculum contract.

(b) In compliance with the Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requirements established in 20 U.S.C. 7801(23) and 34 C.F.R. Part 200.56, the total validity period of the probationary certificate for information technology teachers shall not exceed three (3) years.

(3) Upon successful completion of all program requirements for the approved information technology preparation program, including successful completion of all required assessments established in 16 KAR 6:020, a professional certificate established in 16 KAR 2:020 and valid for five (5) years shall be issued.

(4) Program requirements for completion of the information technology preparation program while serving on the probationary certificate for information technology teachers shall not include student teaching.

Section 4. Incorporation by Reference. (1) Form TC-1, rev. 10/2002, Education Professional Standards Board, is incorporated by reference.

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